8. Scheme for re-imbursement of expenditure incurred by Mine Workers for Kidney Transplantation etc.
9. Scheme for provision of artificial limbs for mine workers.
10. Scheme for compensation in case of fatal and serious accident for mine workers.
11. Grant-in-aid to Iron Ore and Limestone & Dolomite Mines Management for purchase of Ambulance Vans.
12. Grant-in-aid to mine management for maintenance of their own dispensaries for mine workers.

B. HOUSING

1. Build Your Own House Scheme.
2. Group Housing Scheme.
3. Type-I Housing Scheme.
4. Type-II Housing Scheme.

C EDUCATION

1. Grant of scholarship to School or College going children of mine workers.
2. Composite Scheme for financial assistance for purchase of a set of dress/slates/text books.
3. Grant for purchase of school bus.
4. Setting up of Library-cum-Reading Rooms.
5. Grants to Libraries maintained by mine managements.
6. Grants for purchase of furniture and equipment to Schools.
7. Mid day meals for primary school going children of Iron Ore and Mica Mine Workers.
8. Hostel with Boarding facilities.

D. RECREATION

1. Social/Cultural /Sports activities.
2. Buses for transportation of workers.
3. Provision of Audio Visual Sets/ Cinema Vans/Exhibition of Films.
4. Excursion-cum-Study Tours.
5. Supply of T.V. Sets.
6. Setting up of Multipurpose Institutes.
7. Setting up of Welfare Centres.
8. Grants to M.P.Is./D.M.P.Is/Welfare Centres.
9. Sports Grounds.
10. Holiday Homes.

E. WATER SUPPLY

1. Sinking of Wells
2. Assistance to Small Mine Owners.
3. Water Supply Schemes for big mines.

Measures to check Prices of Edible Oils

97. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether preventive measures taken by Government largely through imports have failed to arrest the rising trend in prices of edible oils and oilseeds;

(b) if so, whether Government now propose to take any further measures to check the prices of edible oils and oilseeds; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DEPTT. OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM (SHRI VENOD SHARMA): (a) to (c) The decision of Government to allow the import of selected edibile oils under DGL at reduced duty of 30 per cent w.e.f. 1.3.95 together with import of edible oil by STC for the PDS have ensured comfortable availability and stability in prices of edible oils in the open market during the

current year. In order to bridge the existing gap between the demand and supply of edible oils in the country, the import of edible oils under OGL by the private trade is likely to be continued. Fresh import of edible oil for PDS is likely to commence from March-April, 1996.

Prices of Essential Commodities

98. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of essential commodities in the country have been increasing for the last six months; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DEPTT. OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM) (SHRI VENOD SHARMA): (a) A statement showing the variation in Wholesale Price Index of selected essential commodities for the last six months is enclosed (*See* below).

(b) The prices of certain commodities like vegetables, milk etc. have increased due to lean supply season, crop damages due to heavy rains, floods etc. The prices of pulses have gone up due to gap between demand and supply to the tune of about 5 lakh tonnes and limited imports due to lower availability and higher prices in the international market. The prices of certain edible oils increased due to the gap between the demand supply of edible oils in the country. The prices of foodgrains are influenced by the revision in the Minimum Support Prices, which in turn resulted in higher primary product prices and created pressure on the wage goods.

Statement

Percentage variation in the wholesale price indices of selected essential commodities during the last six months ending October, 1995 (May—October, 1995)

Commodity	Percentage variation
Rice	
Wheat	
Gram	
Arhar	
Vegetables	
Tea	
Sugar	
Salt	
Edible Oil	
(Sub-Group) All Commodities	

Mid-Term Appraisal of the Eighth Plan

99. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the major findings of the draft document containing a mid-term appraisal of the Eighth Five Year Plan are reported to have been circulated in the Planning Commission;

(b) whether it is proposed to release this document to the public; and

(c) the adjustments contemplated in official policies and practices in the light of the contents of the document?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAVA): (a) Mid-term Appraisal (MTA) of the Eighth Plan is yet to be finalised by the Planning Commission. Though a draft of the MTA was discussed in an Internal Meeting of the Planning Commission. MTA has not been discussed by the full Planning Commission. Which has to take a view in the matter.

(b) and (c) Do not arise at present.